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Its time to book your place for our AGM and Conference

When:

Tuesday 11th October 2016

10.00am - 4.00pm

Where:

[Newton Abbot Racecourse,](#)

Newton Rd, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3AF

The theme of our conference this year is Devolution – and what this means to Devon Councils?

Devolution is a live topic for us in Devon and across the South West Region as the Heart of the South West bid continues to make progress. Whether a deal with central government is agreed or not, the trend is towards town and parish councils taking on more assets and services, while principal councils and other organisations work more closely together to tackle wider strategic issues.

Our conference aims to be informative – bringing you up to date with developments locally and nationally, and giving delegates the opportunity to work through practical issues.

We will also have our very popular exhibitors' area, giving delegates an opportunity to meet with suppliers face to face.

This event represents excellent value for money at **£20 per person**, to include refreshments. It also offers networking and developmental opportunities to new and experienced councillors, as well as local council staff.

[Download your conference programme](#)

Our Speakers

We are really pleased to be able to have speakers offering both a local and national perspective on Devolution. Our speakers will share our progress towards Devolution in the South West and take a look at how the work of local councils is changing across the Country.



Cllr John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council

John Hart first joined Devon County Council in 1989 and has held a number of key roles. He became Leader of the Conservative group in 2007 and Leader of the County Council in 2009 and is currently in his second four-year term. He is also chairman of South West Councils, an organisation that speaks and lobbies for the region.



Dr Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Local Councils

Chief Executive of NALC since April 2014, Jonathan as previously worked for Ipswich Borough Council, London Borough of Havering and Suffolk County Council. With a Doctorate in Local Government Studies and 10 years' experience working at the Local Government Association's predecessor bodies, Jonathan has extensive experience of lobbying civil servants, MPs, Peers and MEPs on local government matters.



We are also pleased to welcome **Newton Abbot Town Council** as speakers. They will highlight the range of work a local council can be involved with – from an unusual project to protect and conserve a heritage artefact, to making plans to ensure the future of the town's museum. It is always interesting to see how a local council's vision can be turned into reality when taking advantage of funding and local opportunities.

Book your place now

The workshops

This year we will be offering a choice of 5 workshops for delegates to attend. They will be:

Devolution: The Heart of the South West Prospectus for productivity.

An opportunity to look in more details at how town and parish councils can be involved in the vision for our area.

Affordable Housing and Neighbourhood Planning

A chance to find out how undertaking a neighbourhood plan might help a community to see the development it wants or needs.

Improving your council through good governance

Cornwall ALC and SLCC have undertaken a project to update several employment guides. This workshop takes a closer look at their work and new guidance on dispute resolution.

Making changes to your council to meet modern

Exhibition area

We are pleased to be accommodating a number of exhibitors again this year, including:

[Blachere Illumination](#)
[Devon Communities Together](#)
[Devon Dementia Partnership](#)
[Healthmatic](#)
[Healthwatch Devon](#)
[InTouch CRM](#)
[Mant Leisure](#)
[Proludic](#)
[Tozers Solicitors](#)
[Vision ICT](#)
[Wellars Law Group](#)

Challenges

Ever wanted to change your councillor numbers, or perhaps your boundary needs to change. This workshop explores Community Governance Reviews and the advantages it may bring (especially to smaller councils).

Highways

Want to work more closely with highways to preserve your local road networks. This workshop will update you on the Road Warden Scheme and other self help opportunities.

[Wicksteed](#)

[WPS Insurance](#)

Visit all of the stands and you could be in with a chance of winning a prize in our prize draw.

Avoid disappointment and book early to secure your place

The AGM

This event will begin with our Annual General Meeting. All member councils are entitled to send two voting delegates (additional non-voting delegates may also attend). Delegates, please ensure you have a copy of our [Annual Report](#) (a hard copy version is also being posted to member councils) and a copy of our [programme](#) which also contains the AGM Agenda.



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